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Chief of Base, Berlin

ATTN: Chief of Base, Bonn

INFO: EE, COS, SR

Operational/LCINPROVE/Liaison

Suggestion for @WOLTERS Visit to Berlin

REFERENCE - ECNA-37264, 27 November 1956

1. We appreciate your prompt reaction to our conversation. There is no single person we would rather get next to in the BfV than @WOLTERS, since from his reputation and what comparatively limited contact we have had with him, we regard him as the standout case officer in the entire organization. It is clear from the new responsibilities to be assigned him that the BfV feel precisely the same way about him. For this reason we want our first ~~sub-~~stantive session with him to be as impressive as possible, for in him is concentrated all the BfV wisdom in the field of R/S W/T operations.

2. Before such an invitation is issued, I would like to come to BOB and talk over the drill with you and [ ] and at the same time discuss a possible get-together with Christian HOFFMANN, the MFS specialist.

3. As far as the SEEBAER case is concerned, it has not been mentioned to me, and it would therefore not be a propos for me to compromise [ ] by letting @WOLTERS know the former had mentioned it. @WOLTERS is most discreet, discussing only such information as is of direct concern to the person he is talking to. He has mentioned that he wishes to get together with me in the very near future to discuss the equipment being used in one W/T case and this may be the opening we are looking for. We will certainly keep you posted on it.

4. Meanwhile, I propose to come to Berlin shortly after the first of the year to work out the details of a visit by @WOLTERS. There should be little problem about convincing him of the value of such discussions.

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5. SUBJECT's personal description and vital statistics, insofar as known, are as follows:

name: WENGER, Erich, aka WOLTERS, Eduard  
DOB and POB: unknown  
address: COLOGNE, Mozartstr 47  
marital status: married; three children - two girls, aged 17½ and 12 and one boy, aged 15;  
height: 6'1½"  
weight: 220 (approx.)  
build: tall-heavy  
eyes: blue  
hair: gray-blond, brushed straight back, frontal baldness  
nose: prominent  
distinguishing characteristics: none

6. On 19 Feb 1957 the following additional information concerning his background was elicited during a casual conversation with WENGER:

WENGER was born in the former territory of east Prussia, on the German-Polish border. His studies were in the humanist area; he wanted to become a doctor of medicine, but was unable to obtain the requisite education. In 1931 he first went to work, for an unidentified oil company. In 1935 he joined the Waffen SS and in 1937 joined the Prussian police where he was soon assigned to the Prussian Secret State Police, i.e., GESTAPO. With the outbreak of war in 1939 he was detached from the police to the command of the Waffen SS and detailed to security duties in Austria. After the conquest of France he was detailed to the German Embassy in PARIS where he was installed in a covert capacity with responsibility for travel control security. He remained in PARIS for the balance of the war, but with the German preparation for retreat from PARIS before the advancing Allied forces the SS-Police Officer responsible for the area prevented his retreat with the Embassy personnel and caused his transfer to an SS field unit engaged in combatting French partisan activity. He was, however, recalled to Germany within a matter of a few weeks and in the Spring of 1945 fell into the hands of the advancing French forces. He adopted an assumed name toward the French and posed as a mechanic for a period of two weeks in French captivity until he escaped. He then traveled to the then British zone of occupation, where he was arrested by the British and held until 1946/47. During the period 1947/50 he made his living variously, until through a mutual acquaintance he made contact with Hans-Heinz FRIEDICH, already employed by the BfV, who arranged for his introduction to the BfV and subsequent employment.

7. The foregoing is forwarded as a matter of interest to your Hq. Erich WENGER is an important contact of this office and has always indicated himself to be well-disposed toward cooperation with American agencies in the security field. His cooperation has contributed in a large measure toward the success of liaison with the BfV in the GR field and it is to be expected that we will continue to rely on his friendly cooperation in the future.

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